

SOUTHWEST & SOUTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES



Leading
CareerForce™

Increase high school student's understanding of and exposure to regional occupations in demand

- We provide labor market information and career services to school districts, students, and parents to increase career awareness. Career services include offering career assessments, employability skills training.
- We will coordinate career exploration events in partnership with school districts, students, employers, colleges, and other key stakeholders.
- We will facilitate work-based learning opportunities through acting as a coordinator and intermediary between school districts and employers.

Provide training and assistance to help businesses retain and attract the diverse workforce they need now and into the future.

- Identify and share best practices resulting in a welcoming and inclusive environment.
- Develop employer led industry-based sector partnerships/initiatives that attract and retain a talent pipeline.

Expand the number of skilled workers through sector-based pathway approaches in key industries

- Strengthen career pathway approaches for key industry sectors in the region through partnerships with ABE, post-secondary, and employers and implementing best practices.
- Increase program outcomes for individuals experiencing employment disparities (ethnicity, disabilities, low-income, offenders, older workers, veterans and youth) through culturally competent services.